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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. HERE IS A RECAP OF THE SECRETARY'S OUTSTANDING PROMISES ON HIS PROPOSED TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA. ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES HAS REPEATEDLY INVITED HIM TO VISIT BUENOS AIRES AND THE SECRETARY TOLD HIM HE WOULD. DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING WITH VIGNES HE PLEDGED THAT BUENOS AIRES WOULD BE HIS FIRST STOP ON ANY L.A. TRIP.

2. LIKEWISE, FOREIGN MINISTERS SILVEIRA OF BRAZIL AND DE LA FLOR OF PERU HAVE ASKED THE SECRETARY TO COME TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. HE COMMITTED HIMSELF TO VISIT BOTH BRAZIL AND PERU ON HIS FIRST TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA.

3. IN MY JUDGMENT, A VISIT TO PERU WITHOUT A STOP IN CHILE WOULD BE UNWISE IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVE STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU. IN THE CASE OF CHILE, THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE GOC TO COME TO SANTIAGO, AND RESPONDED INDICATING A GENERAL DESIRE TO DO
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SO WITHOUT A FIRM COMMITMENT AS TO WHEN.

4. IN THE CASE OF ECUADOR, THE SECRETARY'S ABSENCE AT THE RECENT OAS MFM ALSO SUGGESTS THAT HE GO TO QUITO ON THE FIRST ROUND IF WE CAN SQUEEZE IT IN.

5. FINALLY, HE WAS INVITED (AND ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE IN HIS LETTER OF JUNE 6 TO FONMIN SCHACHT) AN INVITATION EXTENDED BY VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ TO GO TO VENEZUELA BEFORE THE END OF 1975. HOWEVER VISITS TO VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA COULD WELL BE MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL TO THE BUENOS AIRES MFM SCHEDULED IN MARCH. WE ARE WORKING ON SCHACHT TO COME HERE SOME TIME THE WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 16.

6. THEREFORE, I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY FOR THE SECRETARY'S CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD FOLLOW NICELY ON THE HEELS OF THE ARA CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE NOW PLANNED FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6-10:

1/19 LV. WASHINGTON, D.C.
AR. BUENOS AIRES IN THE P.M.

1/20 PROGRAM IN BUENOS AIRES

1/21 LV. BUENOS AIRES FOR SANTIAGO
AR. SANTIAGO IN THE P.M.

1/22 PROGRAM IN SANTIAGO

1/23 LV. SANTIAGO IN THE A.M.
AR. LIMA ABOUT MID-DAY

1/24 LV. LIMA ABOUT MID-DAY
AR. QUITO

1/25 LV. QUITO ABOUT MID-DAY
AR. RIO DE JANEIRO

1/26 RIO DE JANEIRO

1/27 LV. RIO IN THE A.M.
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AR. BRASILIA IN THE A.M.

1/29 LV. BRASILIA ABOUT MID-DAY
AR. WASHINGTON, D.C. IN THE P.M.

7. ALTERNATIVELY WE COULD CONSIDER A FORESHORTENED TRIP FROM JANUARY 19 TO JANUARY 26, DROPPING QUITO AND PROBABLY RIO AS WELL. INGERSOLL

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